

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7031 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Charlie Cardwell,
Trustee for Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson
County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Charlie Cardwell, Metro Nashville's longest serving employee who helped move his native city forward for nearly sixty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardwell was appointed Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Trustee in 1993 and was subsequently elected to six consecutive terms in that office; and

WHEREAS, possessing a keen mind for finance, Mr. Cardwell served the good people of Nashville as Trustee for twenty-six years, setting a "standard for character, brilliance, and ethics"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardwell ran a tight ship as Trustee, keeping Metro government running efficiently and smoothly during all weathers; and

WHEREAS, a stalwart supporter of property tax relief for senior citizens, he also increased the efficiency of his office by implementing a new tax accounting system; and

WHEREAS, a beloved figure among his colleagues, Mr. Cardwell was a true gentleman who was renowned for being "kind, honest, respectful, soft-spoken, and generous"; and

WHEREAS, in 1958, fresh out of the military, Charlie Cardwell launched his career in public service by accepting a position with the City of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, quickly rising through the ranks, he became an internal auditor for the newly created Metro Nashville Finance Department in 1965 and was named chief accountant for that department in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cardwell served as Director of Finance for Metro Nashville under Mayor Richard Fulton; he was the State of Tennessee's Commissioner of Revenue under Governor Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who appreciated the responsibilities of citizenship, Mr. Cardwell served as the president of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee and the County Officials Association of Tennessee and was actively involved in the American Heart Association, United Way, Downtown Rotary, and Bethlehem Centers of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Nashville's Howard High School, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his wife, Anna Marie Dorris Cardwell, Mr. Cardwell is survived by his children, Jeff (Nancy) Cardwell and Christie (Kelly) White, and grandchildren, Ethan, Alex, Abigail, Haden, and Amelia; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Cardwell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and intelligence in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Charlie Cardwell, reflecting fondly upon his nearly sixty years of dedicated service to the citizens of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County and his illustrious tenure as Trustee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Cardwell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.